

House Amendment 8377

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1 1 Amend House File 2497 as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 3 clause and inserting the following:
1 4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 16.100A COUNCIL ON
1 5 HOMELESSNESS.
1 6 1. A council on homelessness is established
1 7 consisting of thirty-eight voting members.
1 8 2. Members of the council shall consist of all of
1 9 the following:
1 10 a. Twenty-six members of the general public
1 11 appointed to two-year staggered terms by the governor
1 12 in consultation with the nominating committee under
1 13 subsection 4, paragraph "a".
1 14 (1) Voting members from the general public may
1 15 include, but are not limited to the following types of
1 16 individuals and representatives of the following
1 17 programs: homeless or formerly homeless individuals
1 18 and their family members, youth shelters, faith-based
1 19 organizations, local homeless service providers,
1 20 emergency shelters, transitional housing providers,
1 21 family and domestic violence shelters, private
1 22 business, local government, and community-based
1 23 organizations.
1 24 (2) Five of the twenty-six voting members selected
1 25 from the general public shall be individuals who are
1 26 homeless, formerly homeless, or family members of
1 27 homeless or formerly homeless individuals.
1 28 (3) One of the twenty-six members selected from
1 29 the general public shall be a representative of the
1 30 Iowa state association of counties.
1 31 (4) One of the twenty-six members selected from
1 32 the general public shall be a representative of the
1 33 Iowa league of cities.
1 34 b. Twelve agency director members consisting of
1 35 all of the following:
1 36 (1) The director of the department of education or
1 37 the director's designee.
1 38 (2) The director of the department of economic
1 39 development or the director's designee.
1 40 (3) The director of human services or the
1 41 director's designee.
1 42 (4) The attorney general or the attorney general's
1 43 designee.
1 44 (5) The director of the department of human rights
1 45 or the director's designee.
1 46 (6) The director of public health or the
1 47 director's designee.
1 48 (7) The director of the department of elder
1 49 affairs or the director's designee.
1 50 (8) The director of the department of corrections
2 1 or the director's designee.
2 2 (9) The director of the department of workforce
2 3 development or the director's designee.
2 4 (10) The director of the department of public
2 5 safety or the director's designee.
2 6 (11) The director of the department of veterans
2 7 affairs or the director's designee.
2 8 (12) The executive director of the Iowa finance
2 9 authority or the executive director's designee.
2 10 3. An agency director's designee may vote on
2 11 council matters in the absence of the director.
2 12 4. a. A nominating committee initially comprised
2 13 of all twelve agency director members shall nominate
2 14 persons to the governor to fill the general public
2 15 member positions. Following appointment of all
2 16 twenty-six general public members, the composition of
2 17 the nominating committee may be modified by rule.
2 18 b. The council may establish other committees and
2 19 subcommittees comprised of members of the council.
2 20 5. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the
2 21 same manner as the original appointment. A member
2 22 appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by
2 23 expiration of a term shall be appointed for the
2 24 remainder of the unexpired term.

2 25 6. a. A majority of the members of the council
2 26 constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the council
2 27 must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority
2 28 of its membership.
2 29 b. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice
2 30 chairperson from the membership of the council. The
2 31 chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve two-year
2 32 terms. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall not
2 33 both be either general public members or agency
2 34 directors. The chairperson shall rotate between
2 35 agency director members and general public members.
2 36 c. The council shall meet at least six times per
2 37 year. Meetings of the council may be called by the
2 38 chairperson or by a majority of the members.
2 39 d. General public members shall be reimbursed for
2 40 actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged
2 41 in their official duties. Expense payments shall be
2 42 made from appropriations made for purposes of this
2 43 section.
2 44 7. The Iowa finance authority shall provide staff
2 45 assistance and administrative support to the council.
2 46 8. The duties of the council shall include but are
2 47 not limited to the following:
2 48 a. Develop a process for evaluating state
2 49 policies, programs, statutes, and rules to determine
2 50 whether any state policies, programs, statutes, or
3 1 rules should be revised to help prevent and alleviate
3 2 homelessness.
3 3 b. Evaluate whether state agency resources could
3 4 be more efficiently coordinated with other state
3 5 agencies to prevent and alleviate homelessness.
3 6 c. Work to develop a coordinated and seamless
3 7 service delivery system to prevent and alleviate
3 8 homelessness.
3 9 d. Use existing resources to identify and
3 10 prioritize efforts to prevent persons from becoming
3 11 homeless and to eliminate factors that keep people
3 12 homeless.
3 13 e. Identify and use federal and other funding
3 14 opportunities to address and reduce homelessness
3 15 within the state.
3 16 f. Work to identify causes and effects of
3 17 homelessness and increase awareness among policymakers
3 18 and the general public.
3 19 g. Advise the governor's office, the Iowa finance
3 20 authority, state agencies, and private organizations
3 21 on strategies to prevent and eliminate homelessness.
3 22 9. a. The council shall make annual
3 23 recommendations to the governor regarding matters
3 24 which impact homelessness on or before September 15.
3 25 b. The council shall prepare and file with the
3 26 governor and the general assembly on or before the
3 27 first day of December in each odd-numbered year, a
3 28 report on homelessness in Iowa.
3 29 c. The council shall assist in the completion of
3 30 the state's continuum of care application to the
3 31 United States department of housing and urban
3 32 development.
3 33 10. a. The Iowa finance authority, in
3 34 consultation with the council, shall adopt rules
3 35 pursuant to chapter 17A for carrying out the duties of
3 36 the council pursuant to this section.
3 37 b. The council shall establish internal rules of
3 38 procedure consistent with the provisions of this
3 39 section.
3 40 c. Rules adopted or internal rules of procedure
3 41 established pursuant to paragraph "a" or "b" shall be
3 42 consistent with the requirements of the federal
3 43 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. }
3 44 11301, et seq.
3 45 11. The council shall comply with the requirements
3 46 of chapters 21 and 22. The Iowa finance authority
3 47 shall be the official repository of council records.>
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